

# MINI SMALL CLAIMS TRIALS

## WORKSHEET #1A

### FIRST CASE - FACTS

PLAINTIFF IS THE ASSISTANT TO A NEWSPAPER DELIVERY BOY. DEFENDANT IS NEWSPAPER DELIVERY BOY. DEFENDANT BECAME SICK AND ASKED HIS HELPER, THE PLAINTIFF, TO DELIVER FIFTY PAPERS. PLAINTIFF AGREED TO DELIVER THE PAPERS FOR \$3. PLAINTIFF DELIVERED PAPERS BUT DID NOT PLACE THEM IN MAIL BOXES OR INSIDE HALLS. TWENTY-FIVE NEWSPAPERS WERE RUINED IN THE RAIN, AND DEFENDANT REFUSED TO PAY THE \$3 TO THE PLAINTIFF. PLAINTIFF SUES.

1. WHAT ARE THE ISSUES?

2. WHAT ARE THE ARGUMENTS FOR THE PLAINTIFF?

3. WHAT ARE THE ARGUMENTS FOR THE DEFENDANT?

4. WHAT IS THE JUDGES' DECISION? WHY?

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## WORKSHEET #1B

### SECOND CASE -- FACTS

PLAINTIFF IS A BABY-SITTER. DEFENDANT IS A PARENT. THE PLAINTIFF AGREED TO BABY-SIT FOR THE DEFENDANT'S TWO CHILDREN FOR TWO DOLLARS PER HOUR. WHEN THE BABY-SITTER ARRIVED, THERE WAS A THIRD CHILD, A COUSIN, PRESENT. PLAINTIFF SAID NOTHING ABOUT AN INCREASED RATE BUT DEMANDED THREE DOLLARS PER HOUR WHEN DEFENDANT RETURNED HOME TWO HOURS LATER, CLAIMING THE RATE TO BE ONE DOLLAR PER HOUR PER CHILD. THE DEFENDANT REFUSED TO PAY THE ADDITIONAL ONE DOLLAR PER HOUR. PLAINTIFF SUES.

1. WHAT ARE THE ISSUES?

2. WHAT ARE THE ARGUMENTS FOR THE PLAINTIFF?

3. WHAT ARE THE ARGUMENTS FOR THE DEFENDANT?

4. WHAT IS THE JUDGES' DECISION? WHY?

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## WORKSHEET #1C

### THIRD CASE -- FACTS

PLAINTIFF IS A COMIC BOOK COLLECTOR. DEFENDANT IS A CLASSMATE. PLAINTIFF LOANED TEN COMIC BOOKS TO DEFENDANT FOR ONE WEEK. THE BOOKS WERE IN VERY GOOD CONDITION AND PLAINTIFF WARNED DEFENDANT TO BE CAREFUL WITH THEM. THE PLAINTIFF HAD PAID \$2 A COPY FOR THE BOOKS OR A TOTAL OF \$20.00. DEFENDANT RETURNED FIVE COMIC BOOKS IN GOOD CONDITION, BUT FIVE WERE TORN AND RIPPED. PLAINTIFF DEMANDED \$20.00 FROM THE DEFENDANT TO COVER COSTS. DEFENDANT REFUSED. PLAINTIFF SUES.

1. WHAT ARE THE ISSUES?

2. WHAT ARE THE ARGUMENTS FOR THE PLAINTIFF?

3. WHAT ARE THE ARGUMENTS FOR THE DEFENDANT?

4. WHAT IS THE JUDGES' DECISION? WHY?

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## WORKSHEET #1D

### FOURTH CASE -- FACTS

PLAINTIFF IS THE OWNER OF A TEN SPEED BICYCLE. DEFENDANT IS THE OWNER OF A BICYCLE REPAIR SHOP. PLAINTIFF BROUGHT THE BICYCLE INTO THE SHOP WHEN THE GEARS DIDN'T SHIFT PROPERLY. PLAINTIFF TOLD DEFENDANT/OWNER TO FIX THE GEARS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE BUT NOT TO DO ANYTHING THAT WOULD COST MORE THAN \$50.00. WHEN THE PLAINTIFF CAME TO PICK UP THE BICYCLE THE NEXT WEEK, HE FOUND THAT THE SHOP HAD INSTALLED BRAND NEW GEARS AND HAD SOLD HIS BROKEN GEAR SHIFT TO A BICYCLE USED PARTS COMPANY. THE DEFENDANT TOLD PLAINTIFF THAT HE WOULD PAY \$50.00 SINCE THAT WAS THE AMOUNT HE SAID WAS AS HIGH AS HE COULD GO. THE DEFENDANT SAID HE WOULD NOT GET THE BICYCLE BACK UNTIL \$100.00 WAS PAID. PLAINTIFF SUES.

1. WHAT ARE THE ISSUES?

2. WHAT ARE THE ARGUMENTS FOR THE PLAINTIFF?

3. WHAT ARE THE ARGUMENTS FOR THE DEFENDANT?

4. WHAT IS THE JUDGES' DECISION? WHY?